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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6770

BILL NUMBER: HB 1211

DATE PREPARED: Dec 16, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Inspection of nurseries by the Department of Natural Resources.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that the Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to make annual inspections of plant nurseries that import stock into and export stock from Indiana. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Division of Entomology and Plant Pathology annually inspects approximately 700 nurseries statewide. An estimated 100 of these nurseries are small and grow only perennials for sale at local markets, roadside stands, etc. Under current law the DNR is required to inspect all nurseries including the smaller facilities that typically do not export stock from or import stock into Indiana. This lack of transport across state lines decreases the likelihood that the stock will be contaminated by disease or pests foreign to the state. Requiring the Division to inspect only nurseries that export from or import into Indiana will allow the Division to concentrate its resources on nurseries that pose a higher risk of contamination.

Explanation of State Revenues: A \$20 fee is assessed each nursery inspected by the Division, and an additional \$1.50 fee per acre inspected is also assessed. As the smaller nurseries affected by this bill are typically one acre or less in size, the lost revenue per nursery would be \$21.50 (\$20 inspection fee + \$1.50 per acre fee). Approximately 100 nurseries do not import from or export to locations outside of the state. Given this number, the estimated annual revenue loss would be \$2,150 (100 nurseries multiplied by \$21.50). Inspection fees are deposited into the State General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources

Local Agencies Affected:

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